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(For Fiscal Year July 1988 through June 1989)
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE GRANTS - STATISTICAL REPORT

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT - STATE FUNDS

Fiscal Year 1989 - 50.0% Of The Year

December 1988

CATEGORY	AVAILABLE FOR YEAR	DISBURSED/ ENCUMBERED	UNENCUMBERED BALANCE	DISBURSED FUNDS AS PERCENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AFDC	$ 11,900,100	$ 5,821,410	$ 6,078,690	48.9%
General Assistance	1,670,000	772,280	897,720	46.2%
Emergency Assistance	217,000	97,650	119,350	45.0%
SSI Supplementation	685,100	449,037	236,063	65.5%
TOTAL	$ 14,472,200	$ 7,140,377	$ 7,331,823	49.3%

Source: Statement of Appropriations and Account Balances

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE MONTHLY STATISTICS

	July 1988	August	September	October	November	December
AFDC REGULAR:						
Payments	$1,979,545	$1,973,880	$1,995,387	$2,072,446	$2,062,532	$2,092,400
Cases	7,340	7,387	7,461	7,362	7,343	7,473
Children	13,028	13,072	13,049	12,957	12,811	13,077
Recipients	19,034	19,086	19,068	18,898	18,714	19,125
AFDC-UP:						
Payments	$11,281	$11,895	$10,329	$10,328	$11,314	$11,212
Cases	39	43	39	36	35	34
Children	91	89	80	68	79	80
Recipients	157	157	141	127	139	140
TOTAL AFDC:						
Payments	$1,990,826	$1,985,775	$2,005,716	$2,082,774	$2,073,846	$2,103,612
Cases	7,379	7,430	7,500	7,398	7,378	7,507
Children	13,119	13,161	13,129	13,025	12,890	13,157
Recipients	19,191	19,243	19,209	19,025	18,853	19,265
GENERAL ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$131,213	$128,311	$129,741	$126,898	$129,801	$144,085
Cases	1,055	1,048	1,062	1,141	1,065	1,106
Children	470	454	487	446	451	504
Recipients	1,277	1,271	1,304	1,245	1,279	1,375
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:						
Payments	$24,092	$26,867	$29,264	$29,585	$22,924	$32,325
Cases	171	178	199	212	160	218
FOOD STAMPS:						
Payments	$1,439,322	$1,448,237	$1,438,666	$1,473,163	$1,477,397	$1,645,135
Cases	10,642	10,689	10,633	10,654	10,670	11,141
Recipients	28,734	28,860	28,710	28,767	28,810	30,081
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION:						
Payments	$60,302	$60,989	$61,140	$62,143	$62,646	$62,463
Cases-Recipients	498	502	503	510	517	516
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS ONLY:						
Payments	$1,525,700	$1,532,109	$1,528,419	$1,537,447	$1,529,104	$1,535,517
Cases-Recipients	7,497	7,543	7,513	7,556	7,551	7,500
TOTAL SSI:						
Payments	$1,586,002	$1,593,098	$1,589,559	$1,599,590	$1,591,750	$1,597,980
Cases-Recipients	7,600	7,648	7,618	7,662	7,664	7,614

COMPARATIVE CASE LOADS BY CATEGORY AND COUNTY

DECEMBER 1988

		Total State	New Castle	Kent	Sussex
AFDC Regular:	Cases	7,473	4,486	1,570	1,417
	Recipients	19,125	11,448	4,117	3,560
AFDC-UP:	Cases	34	17	11	6
	Recipients	140	66	46	28
Total AFDC:	Case	7,507	4,503	1,581	1,423
	Recipients	19,265	11,514	4,163	3,588
General Assistance:	Cases	1,106	690	210	206
	Recipients	1,375	844	263	268
Emergency Assistance:	Cases	218	133	30	55
Food Stamps:	Cases	11,141	6,605	2,489	2,047
	Recipients	30,081	17,832	6,721	5,528
SSI State Supplementation:	Cases-Recipients	516	279	76	161
SSI Federal Payments:	Cases-Recipients	7,500	4,042	1,577	1,881
Total SSI:	Cases-Recipients	7,614	4,105	1,593	1,916

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	December 198[illegible] Fiscal Year to Date	December 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
AFDC REGULAR			
Payments	$12,176,190	$11,958,528	1.8%
Cases	7,394	7,575	-2.4%
Payments/Case	$274.45	$263.11	4.3%
Children	12,999	13,465	-3.5%
Recipients	18,988	19,758	-3.9%
Payments/Recipient	$106.88	$100.88	6.0%
AFDC-UP			
Payments	$66,359	$76,494	-13.2%
Cases	38	45	-16.9%
Payments/Case	$293.62	$281.23	4.4%
Children	81	102	-20.3%
Recipients	144	180	-20.1%
Payments/Recipient	$77.07	$70.96	8.6%
TOTAL AFDC			
Payments	$12,242,549	$12,035,022	1.7%
Cases	7,432	7,621	-2.5%
Payments/Case	$274.55	$263.22	4.3%
Children	13,080	13,566	-3.6%
Recipients	19,131	19,937	-4.0%
Payments/Recipient	$106.66	$100.61	6.0%
GENERAL ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$790,049	$806,528	-2.0%
Cases	1,080	1,095	-1.4%
Payments/Case	$121.98	$122.78	-0.7%
Children	469	486	-3.6%
Recipients	1,292	1,363	-5.2%
Payments/Recipient	$101.93	$98.61	3.4%

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PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

	December 1988 Fiscal Year to Date	December 1987 Fiscal Year to Date	% Change
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE			
Payments	$165,057	$217,633	-24.2%
Cases	190	243	-21.8%
Payments/Case	$145.04	$149.47	-3.0%
FOOD STAMPS			
Payments	$8,921,920	$8,094,603	10.2%
Cases	10,738	10,314	4.1%
Payments/Case	$138.48	$130.81	5.9%
Recipients	28,994	27,847	4.1%
Payments/Recipient	$51.29	$48.45	5.9%
SSI STATE SUPPLEMENTATION			
Payments	$369,683	$341,844	8.1%
Cases-Recipients	508	472	7.5%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$121.37	$120.67	0.6%
SSI FEDERAL PAYMENTS			
Payments	$9,188,296	$8,676,162	5.9%
Cases-Recipients	7,527	7,445	1.1%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$203.46	$194.24	4.7%
TOTAL SSI			
Payments	$9,557,979	$9,018,006	6.0%
Cases-Recipients	7,634	7,530	1.4%
Payments/Case-Recipient	$208.66	$199.60	4.5%

NOTE: All cumulative statistics other than expenditures represent monthly averages

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DELAWARE HEALTH
AND SOCIAL SERVICES

MEMORANDUM

TO: Distribution

VIA: Linda Barnett

FROM: Steve Groff

DATE: March 30, 1989

RE: Highlights of Statistical Report on Public Assistance Grants Programs: July - December 1988.

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE EXPENDITURES

Over $31.6 million in benefits, including Federal and State funding, were paid to Delaware public assistance recipients during the first six months of SFY 1989. This represents a 5.0% increase ($1.5 million) from the same period in SFY 1988.

Food Stamp expenditures increased 10.2% ($827,317), while AFDC spending increased 1.7% ($207,527). In addition, SSI expenditures rose 6.0% ($539,973). These increases were slightly offset by reductions of 2.0% ($16,479) in the General Assistance program and 24.2% ($52,576) in the Emergency Assistance program.

The Department disbursed $7.1 million in State funds during the first half of SFY 1989. This represents a 0.6% decrease ($42,867) from the same period in SFY 1988. Several factors contributed to the reduction in State spending despite the increase in overall public expenditures. First, the Food Stamp program, which experienced the largest increase, receives 100% Federal funding. Secondly, an increase in the Federal match from 51.9% to 52.6% allowed the State share of AFDC expenditures to decrease 0.9% despite the increase in total benefit payments.

Figure 1

AFDC Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Recipients	24974	22680	21177	19937	19131
Cases	9451	8441	7982	7621	7432

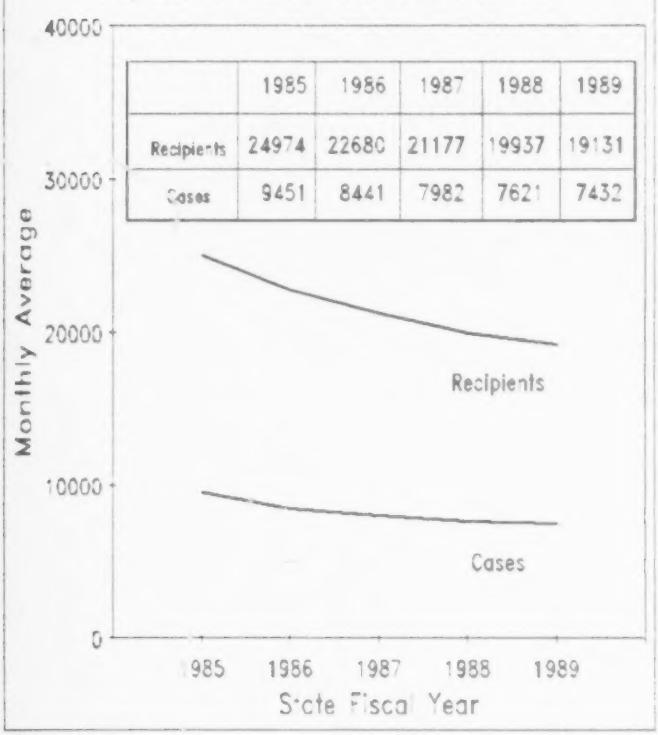


Figure 2

AFDC Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989

AFDC PROGRAM

Average monthly participation in the AFDC program continued to decline during the first six months of SFY 1989 as compared to the same period in SFY 1988. The average monthly caseload dropped 2.5%, to a level of 7,432 cases. This was accompanied by a 4.0% decrease in the average monthly number of recipients; from 19,937 to 19,131. The magnitude of caseload reductions, however, has declined over the past five years. Figure 1 illustrates this leveling off effect.

A 4% increase in the AFDC payment level which became effective in October 1988 is largely responsible for a 4.3% increase in the average payment per case. The average payment per case increased from $263.22 during the first half of SFY 1988 to $274.55 during the first half of SFY 1989. Similarly, the average payment per recipient increased 6.0% during the same period.

Total AFDC expenditures of $12.2 million reflect a 1.7% increase over SFY 1988 spending. This represents a reversal of the downward trend experienced between SFY 1985 and SFY 1988. Rising expenditures can be attributed to the effect of annual benefit increases which have been only partially offset by declines in caseloads. Figure 2 reveals the slight upturn in AFDC expenditures.

Figure 3

General Assistance Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989

	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
Recipients	3025	2183	1657	1363	1292
Cases	1977	1616	1275	1095	1080

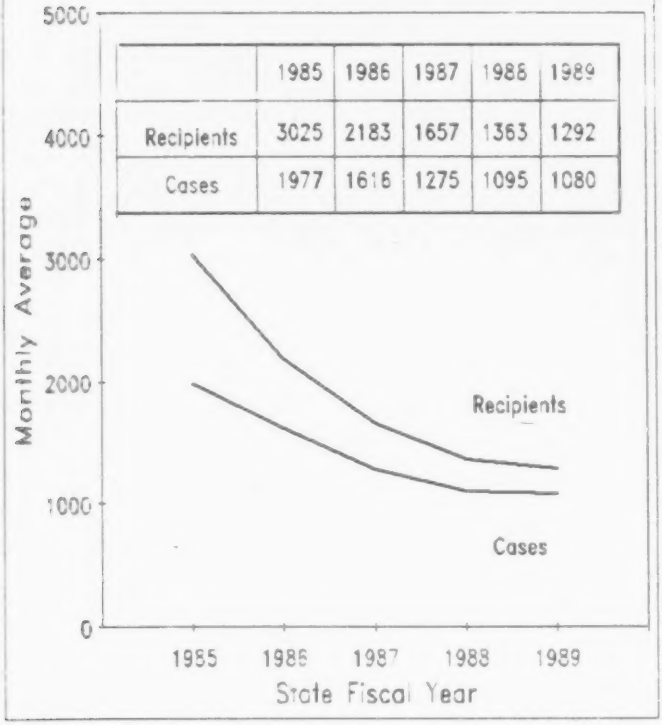
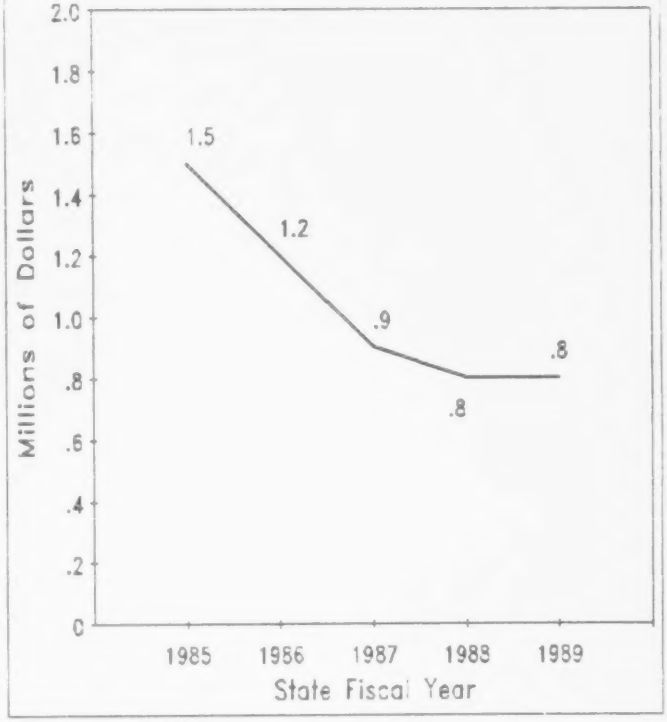


Figure 4

General Assistance Expenditures

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989

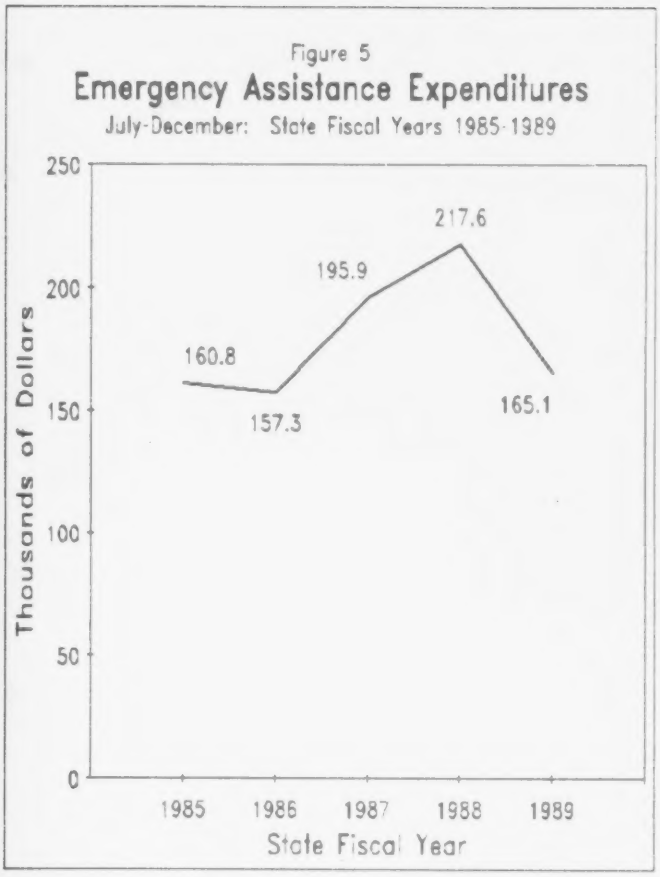


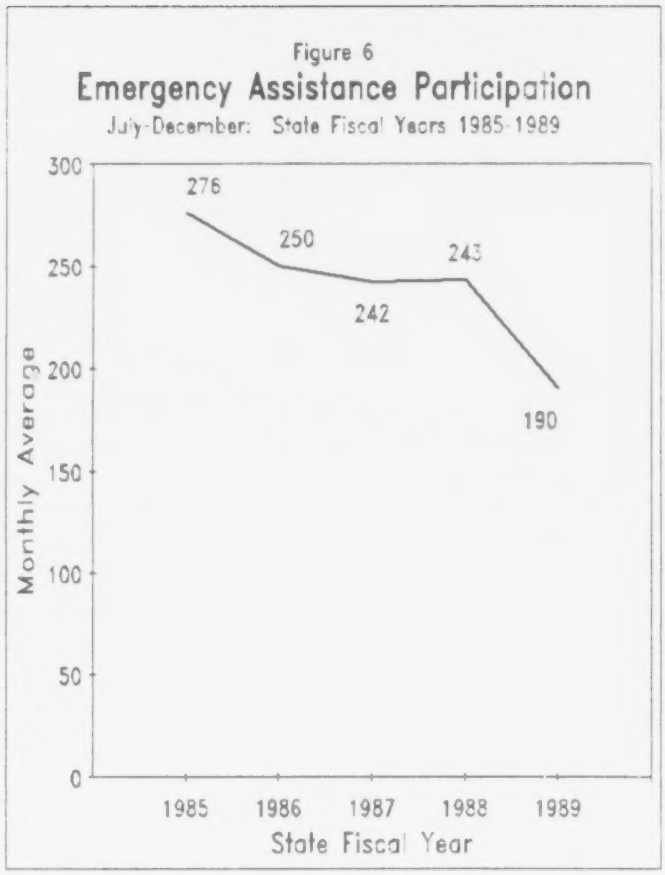
GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The average monthly General Assistance caseload declined 1.4% during the first half of SFY 1989 as compared to the same period in SFY 1988. This was accompanied by a 5.2% reduction in the average monthly number of recipients; from 1,363 to 1,292. Reductions in General Assistance participation have slowed dramatically as compared to those seen in previous years (Figure 3).

General Assistance expenditures for the first half of SFY 1989 totaled $790,049. This represents a 2.0% decrease over spending for the same period in SFY 1988. Reduced spending can be attributed to the decline in cases and a reduction in the average case size. Figure 4 shows that expenditure reductions have also leveled off. This can be explained by smaller caseload declines and increased benefit levels.

The average payment per case decreased 0.7% during the first half of SFY 1989 as compared to the first half of SFY 1988. However, due to the smaller average case size, the average payment per recipient increased 3.4% from $98.61 to $101.93.





EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

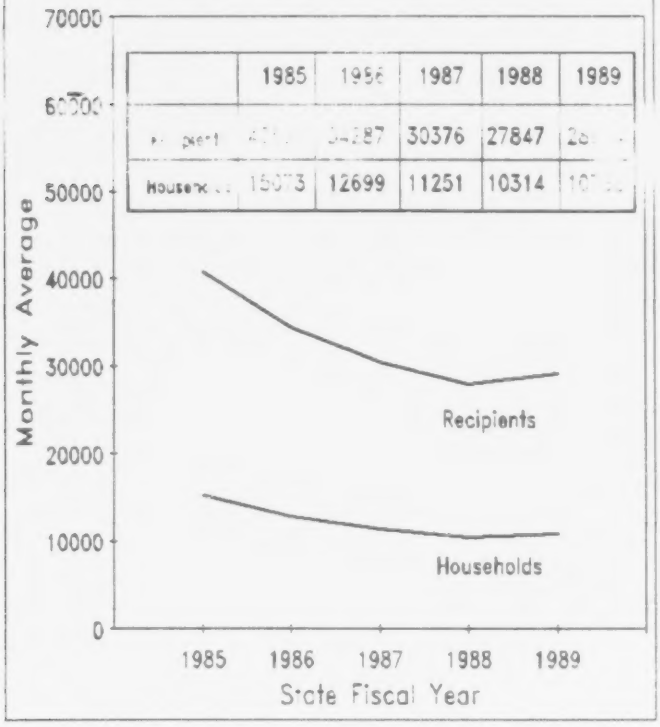
Emergency Assistance expenditures decreased 24.2% during the first six months of SFY 1989 as compared to the same period in SFY 1988. This follows spending increases during the two previous fiscal years (Figure 5). A 3.0% reduction in the average payment per case represents the only decrease in the average payment level since SFY 1985.

Average monthly caseloads decreased 21.8% between the first half of SFY 1988 and the first half of SFY 1989. This represents the largest decline in participation during the past five years (Figure 6). Declines in Emergency Assistance participation can be largely attributed to efforts to prevent potential crisis situations. This is accomplished by assisting clients in routine budgeting, enabling them to meet regular financial commitments (such as rent and utilities) without the need for monetary grants.

Figure 7

Food Stamp Participation

July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989



	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
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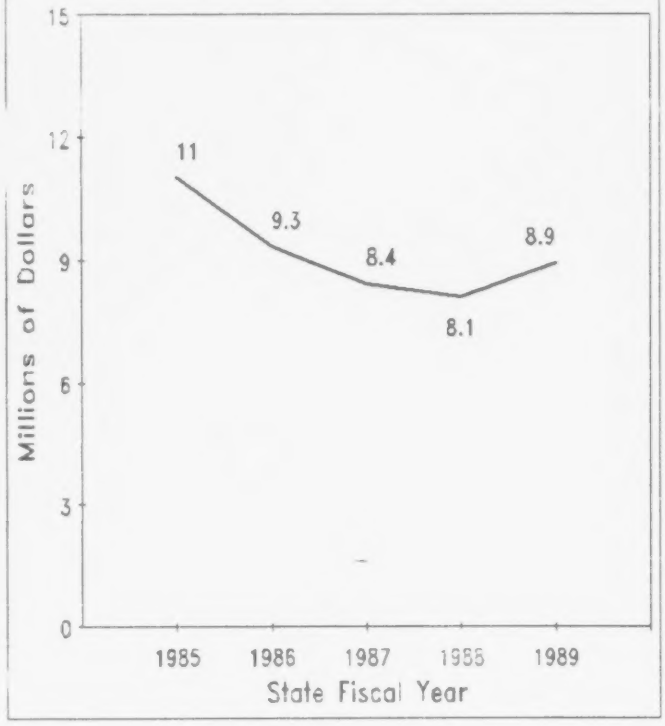
Figure 8

Food Stamp Expenditures

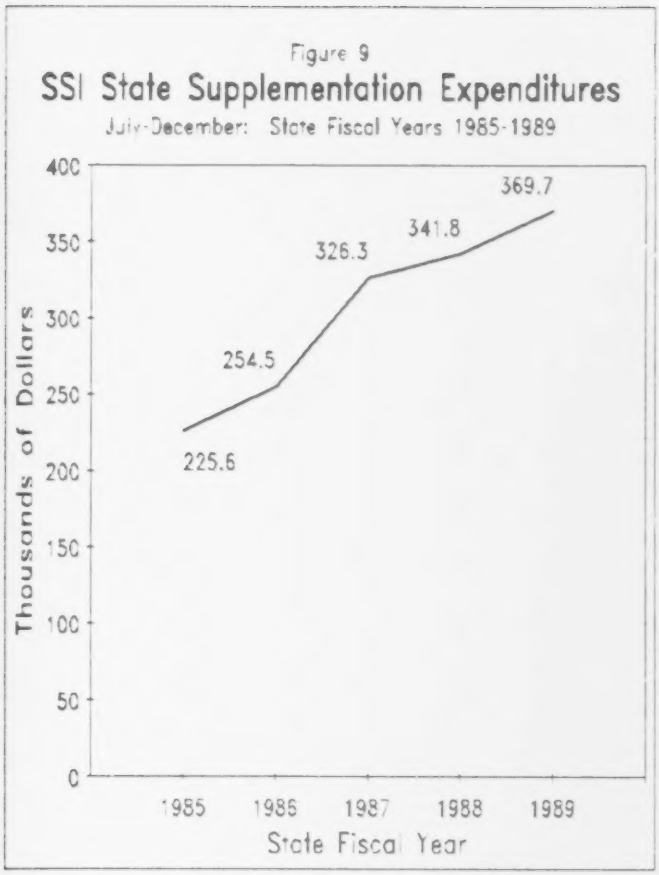
July-December: State Fiscal Years 1985-1989

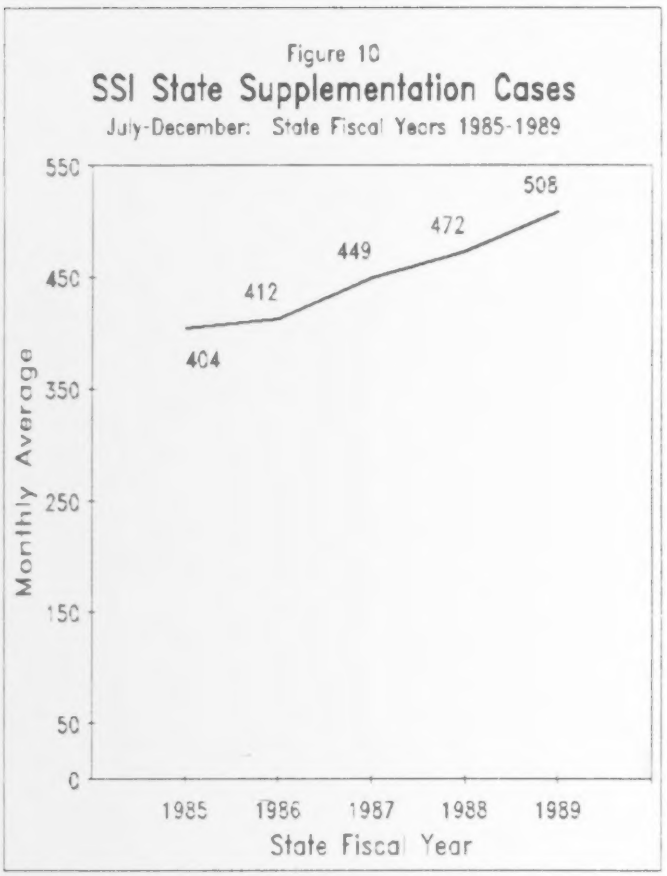


FOOD STAMP PROGRAM

The Food Stamp program exhibited the most striking reversal of prior trends during the first half of SFY 1989, in light of the magnitude of the Program. Both the average monthly number of cases (10,738) and the average monthly number of recipients (28,994) increased 4.1% during the first half of SFY 1989 as compared to the same period in SFY 1988. These increases represent a departure from the substantial reductions experienced in previous years (Figure 7).

In addition, the average cost per Food Stamp household increased from $130.81 to $138.48 (5.9%) during this period. The combined effect of increased participation and rising average payment levels resulted in a 10.2% increase in Food Stamp expenditures. Figure 8 reveals that mid-year spending of $8.9 million in SFY 1989 not only exceeded expenditures for the same period in SFY 1988, but also surpassed the level of spending for the first half of SFY 1987.





SSI PROGRAM

Total SSI spending continued to increase during the first half of SFY 1989. Total SSI expenditures of $9.6 million represent a 6.0% increase over spending during the first half of SFY 1988. This reflects a 1.4% increase in the average monthly number of recipients and a 4.5% increase in the average payment per recipient.

SSI Federal cases, cases receiving part or all of their benefits from Federal sources, constitute the major component of the SSI program and exhibited similar changes to those mentioned above. The average number of recipients increased 1.1%, while average payment per recipient rose 4.7% (reflecting a 4.2% increase in the Federal Benefit Rate effective in January 1988). As a result, total expenditures increased 5.9%.

SSI State Supplementation payments ($369,683) increased 8.1% during the first six months of SFY 1989 as compared to the same period in SFY 1988. This represents the highest level of spending during the past five years (Figure 9). In contrast to the Federal SSI program, the rise in State Supplementation expenditures was primarily the result of increased enrollment. The average monthly number of recipients increased 7.5% during SFY 1989, to a level of 508 (Figure 10). In contrast, the average payment per recipient increased only 0.6% during this period.